

member for ~~bending~~ the distal extremity of the guide means.

27. A device as in Claim 24 further comprising a laser fiber optic disposed in the axial lumen of the needle.

28. A device as in Claim 24 wherein the needle is a needle electrode.

29. A device as in Claim 24 wherein the needle is a radio frequency electrode.

30. ~~A device as in Claim 29 further comprising means for supplying radio frequency energy to the radio frequency electrode.--~~

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted pursuant to Rule 115. New claims 14-30 are broader than the claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,861,002 and thus not precluded by 35 U.S.C. Section 135(b). See *In re Sasse, Beck, and Eue*, 207 U.S.P.Q. 107 (1980). In this regard, for example, Claim 14 does not include, among other things, "means for insertion of an endoscope probe through said single access conduit" as called for in Claim 1 of the '002 Patent.

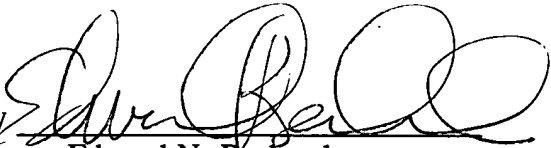
Requested changes to the drawings, marked in red thereon, are enclosed herewith for approval by the Examiner. Support tube 58 has been labeled in FIG. 3 and the flexible insulating sleeve 64 has been labeled in FIG. 4. Reference to the flexible tubing 60 in FIG. 4 has been corrected. FIG. 5 has been amended, as suggested by an examiner of a parent application, to include cystoscope 131 therein and Pages 20 and 21 have been amended in this regard. FIG. 23 and Pages 27 and 28 have also been amended to clarify the cystoscope referred to in the application. The formal drawings filed with the application incorporate such changes.

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Substitute the attached Abstract for the Abstract appearing on page 33 of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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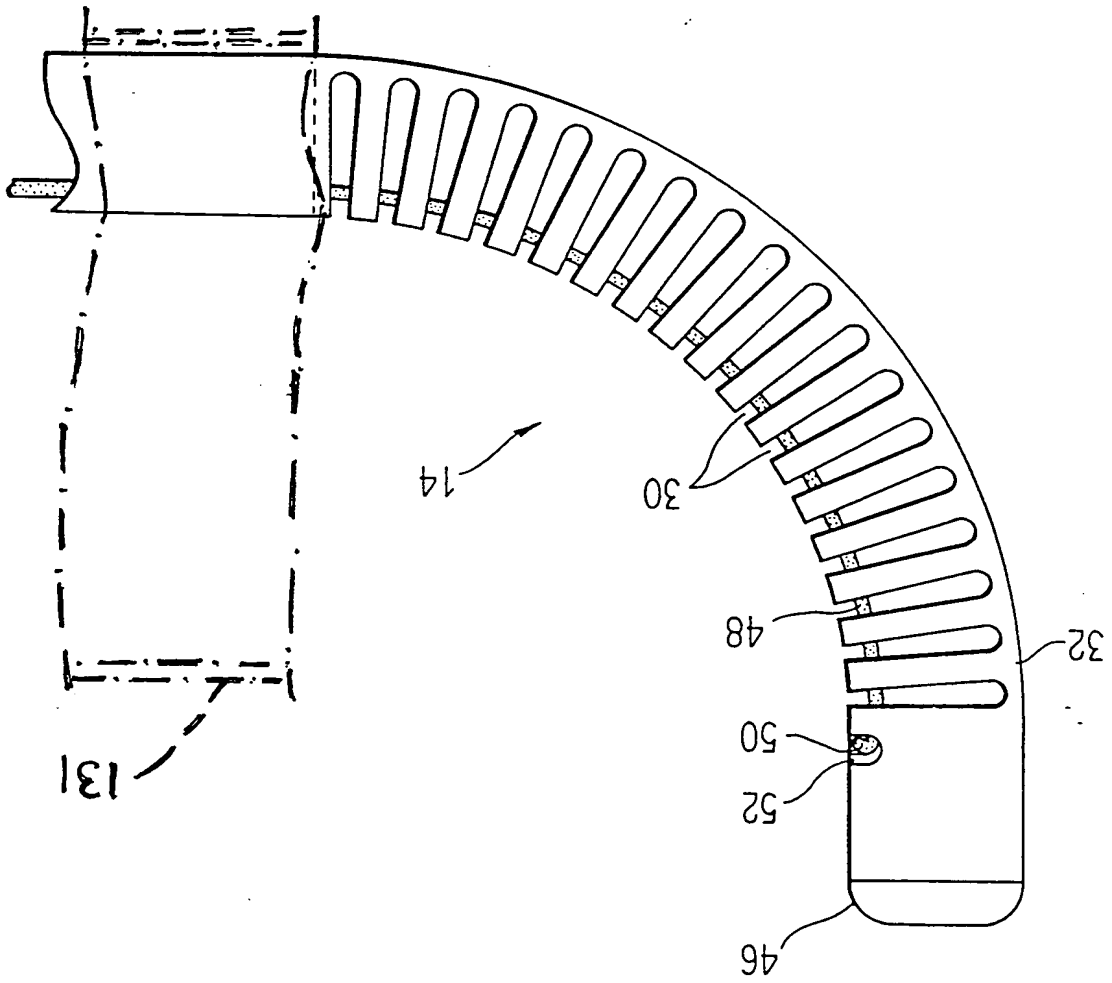
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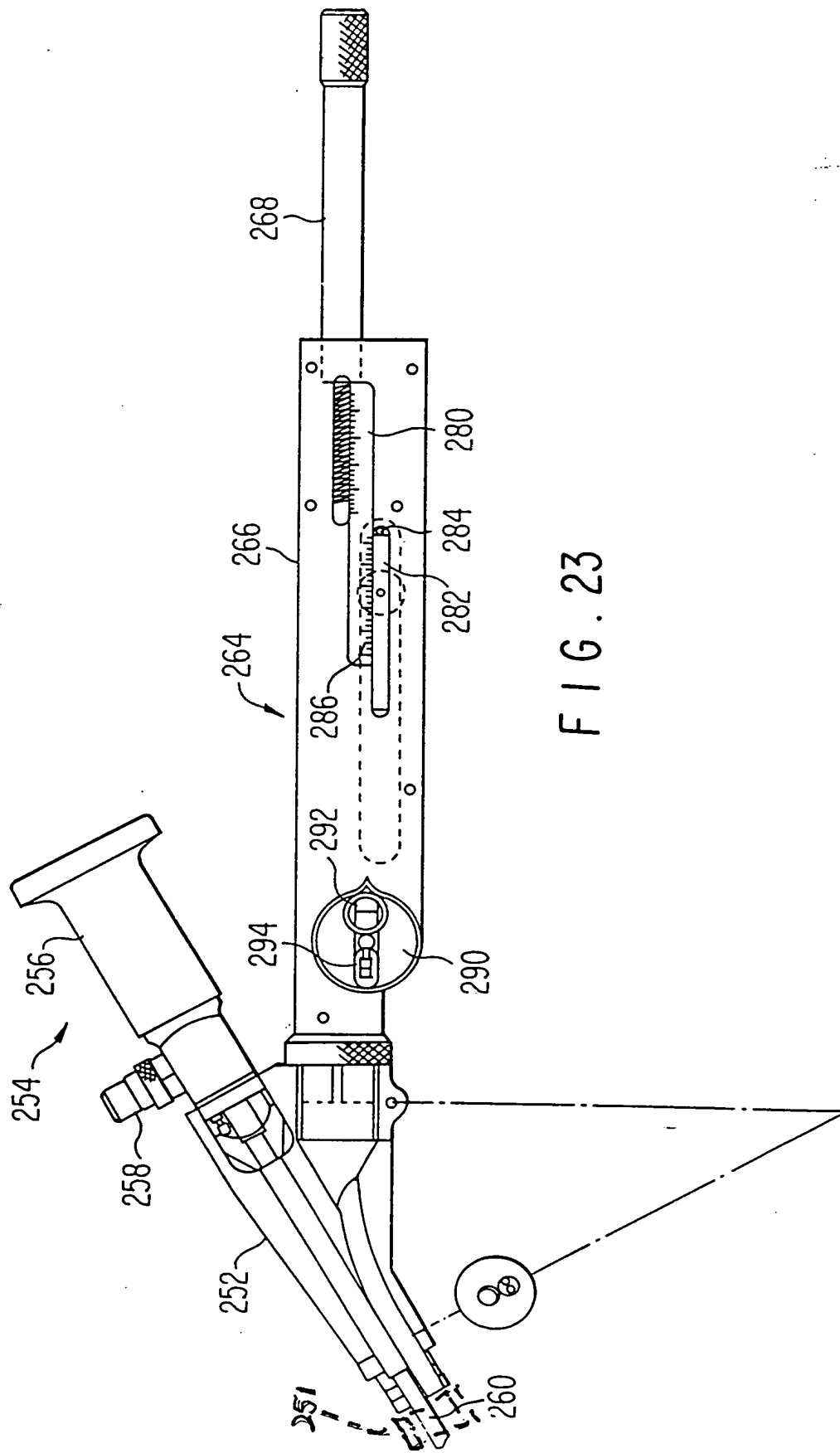


FIG. 23